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POMEROY MAN RECEIVES 100-MONTH SENTENCE FOR BANK ROBBERIES

COLUMBUS - Stephen Ray Brumfield, age 33, of Pomeroy, Ohio was sentenced in United States District Court here to 100 months imprisonment, after pleading guilty to three counts of unarmed bank robbery and one count of attempted unarmed bank robbery. He was also ordered to make restitution to the three banks he robbed.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Stanley J. Borgia, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cincinnati Field Division, announced the sentence handed down yesterday by United States District Senior Judge George C. Smith.

Brumfield pled guilty to the May 10, 2005 robbery of the National City Bank at 2385 S. Hamilton Road, the February 17, 2005 robbery of the Charter One Bank, 507 Chillicothe Street, Portsmouth; and the March 13, 2005 robbery of the Community Bank 631 Juliana Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia. Brumfield also admitted attempting to rob the Bank One, 920 East State Street, Athens on August 31, 2004. Brumfield telephoned in a threat to blow up the bank if employees didn't place money outside the bank in a shopping cart. The employees vacated the bank and no money was lost.

FBI agents arrested Brumfield on June 22, 2005. They traced him after he dropped a checkbook containing his name and address at the National City Bank robbery.

Lockhart commended the FBI agents for their investigation of the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Deborah Solove who prosecuted the case.

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